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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
RELEASE ON SPEECH DELIVERED BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AT
NIGEL NOVEMBER 5.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER, MR.B.J.VORSTER,TONIGHT PUBLICLY
THANKED THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE FOR EXERCISING
THEIR VETO RIGHTS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SO THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE
WORLD BODY.

3. SPEAKING AT A MEETING IN HIS CONSTITUENCY,THE PRIME
MINISTER SAID: 'FOR WHATEVER REASON THEY EXERCISED THE VETO
IN SOUTH AFRICA'S FAVOR, I WANT TO SAY PUBLICLY THANK YOU TO
THOSE THREE COUNTRIES. THEIR GESTURE IS APPRECIATED NOT ONLY
BY THE GOVERNMENT, BUT BY ALL THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA.'

4. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SOUTH AFRICA COULD NEVER NEVER
ACCEPT THE UNITED NATIONS AS A SUPER PARLIAMENT TO LEGISLATE
FOR MEMBER STATES. 'IF SOUTH AFRICA IS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT
THAT, I SAY HERE AND NOW THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT
SUCH A POSITION.'

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U.N., THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE ONCE
AGAIN THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE U.N. AS
LONG AS IT WAS IN HER INTEREST TO BE A MEMBER.' SOUTH AFRICA

WOULD REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE U.N. AS LONG AS IT WAS RECONCILABLE WITH HER SELF-RESPECT.

6. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WERE CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD DONE THEIR BEST TO HOUND SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF THE U.N. ONE OF THESE WAS AUSTRALIA. THEY DID NOT HURT US, BUT RENDERED A DISERVICE TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND THEIR OWN PEOPLE. IN THIS INSTANCE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE MAJORITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE. I BELIEVE THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE TRUE VOICE OF AUSTRALIA WILL BE HEARD ONCE AGAIN,' THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

7. REFERRING TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT, MR.VORSTER SAID THE SITUATION WAS EXTREMELY DELICATE, AND THERE WERE MATTERS WHICH COULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS STAGE. ONE COULD SPECULATE ABOUT THESE THINGS,HE SAID, BUT WISHED TO APPEAL TO ALL POLITICAL COMMENTATORS TO TAKE SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN TALKING AND WRITING ABOUT THESE MATTERS. 'THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS FOR THIS REQUEST. I DO NOT ASK IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF OR THE NATIONAL PARTY, BUT ON BEHALF OF SOUTH AFRICA. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THOSE WHO WILL PURPOSEFULLY SAY AND WRITE THINGS TO HARM SOUTH AFRICA. MY APPEAL IS ALSO DIRECTED TO THEM. ALL I ASK THEM IS TO GIVE SOUTH AFRICA A CHANCE OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS. I DO NOT ASK MORE THAN THAT. IF SOUTH AFRICA IS GIVEN THAT CHANCE THEY WILL BE SURPRISED AT WHERE THE COUNTRY WILL STAND IN SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS' TIME.'

8. REFERRING TO MOZAMBIQUE, MR.VORSTER SAID HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF RHODESIA, MR.IAN SMITH, HAD ALREADY STATED CLEARLY THAT THEY WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THAT COUNTRY. ALL THEY ASKED WAS THAT THERE SHOULD BE GOOD AND STABLE GOVERNMENT. IN THE NATURE OF THINGS, SOUTH AFRICA HAD ALSO ADOPTED THE STANDPOINT THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE HONORED. IT WAS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST AND ALSO THE INTEREST OF MOZAMBIQUE THAT THE HARBORS OF BEIRA UNCLASSIFIED

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AND LOURENCO MARQUES SHOULD REMAIN OPEN AND THAT THE RAILWAY LINE SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT OPEN FOR NORMAL TRAFFIC.

9. IT WAS ALSO TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES THAT MOZAMBIQUE LABOR AGREEMENT SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE, AND THAT ELECTRIC POWER FROM THE CABORA BASSA SCHEME SHOULD REACH SOUTH AFRICA. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO STATE THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES IN THIS REGARD. HE FORESAW A CONTINUATION OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE. THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THESE AGREEMENTS WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER MOZAMBIQUE COULD REMAIN ECONOMICALLY VIABLE OR NOT, BECAUSE MOZAMBIQUE WAS DEPENDENT ON SOUTH AFRICA TOWARD AN EXTENT OF NEARLY 80 PERCENT IN THIS REGARD.

10. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE QUESTION HAD BEEN ASKED WHETHER MOZAMBIQUE COULD POSSIBLY BE USED AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO SABOTAGE SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD HE HAD ALSO ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM MOZAMBIQUE. HE HAD ALSO STATED SOUTH AFRICA'S STANDPOINT VERY CLEARLY IN AN INTERVIEW DURING SEPTEMBER WITH THE AMERICAN JOURNAL NEWSWEEK. IN THE INTERVIEW HE HAD STATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DEFEND HERSELF TO THE UTMOST IF ATTACKED, BUT FROM HER OWN SIDE WOULD NOT START ANYTHING AGAINST ANYBODY.

11. 'SEEING THAT THERE IS STILL SPECULATION ABOUT THIS, I WANT TO STATE AGAIN, CLEARLY, THAT WE DO NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES BUT LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE; WHATEVER IS STARTED OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICA WILL FINISH.' MR.VORSTER SAID HE DID NOT FORSEE ANYTHING OF THIS KIND HAPPENING. SOUTH AFRICA'S STANCE IN THIS REGARD WAS APPRECIATED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND HE FROESAW THAT THINGS WOULD GO ON NORMALLY AS IN THE PAST.

12. REFERRING TO THE SPEECH HE MADE IN THE SENATE TOWARDS THE END OF THE LAST PARLIAMENTARY SESSION, THE PRIME MINISTER REPEATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS AS PART OF AFRICA AS ANY OTHER COUNTRY ON THE CONTINENT. THIS MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY ALL WHO WRITE AND TALK ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA. WE ARE NOT TEMPORARY SOJOURNERS IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAVE A UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT TO BE HERE. WE ARE NOT IMPERIALISTS AND NEITHER ARE WE COLONIALISTS. WE WERE THE FIRST TO TAKE A STANCE AGAINST DUTCH COLONIALISM AND ENGLISH IMPERIALISM. THE FIRST REPUBLICS IN THIS PART OF THE CONTINENT WERE FOUNDED AT SWELLENDAM AND GRAAF REINET.'

13. REFERRING TO AN ARTICLE BY A LADY BLOOM, IN THE LONDON TIMES, IN WHICH SHE HAD COMMENTED ON HIS SENATE SPEECH, MR.VORSTER SAID LADY BLOOM WAS UNFORTUNATELY BLIND TO THE REALITIES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND PEOPLE LIKE HERE MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE COUNTRY TO PUT ITS CASE ACROSS. AMONGST OTHER THINGS, SHE HAD SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO GIVE UP APARTHEID AND GRANT MAJORITY RULE TO THE BLACKS'. 'SHE ACCUSES THE WHITES OF SOUTH AFRICA OF NOT BEING PREPARED TO ALLOW BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA. LET ME PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT, THERE WILL BE BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN THE TRANSKEI, KWAZULU, BOPHUTHATSWANA, LWBOWA, THE CISKEI, GAZANKULU AND THE OTHERS. BUT IN WHITE SOUTH AFRICA THE WHITES WILL RULE, AND LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT.' THE BLACK PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA HAD THE RIGHT TO RULE THEMSELVES IN THEIR HOMELANDS AND EVENTUALLY TO BECOME INDEPENDENT. NOBODY STOOD IN THEIR WAY, BUT IN THE REST OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE WHITES, COLOREDS AND

INDIANS WOULD FIND A MODUS VIVENDI TO RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

14. REFERRING TO HIS SENATE SPEECH, MR. VORSTER SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR AFRICA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PEACE AND ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE, BETWEEN COOPERATION AND CONFRONTATION, BETWEEN PROGRESS AND DESTRUCTION, BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND STAGNATION. MR. VORSTER SAID HE HAD PLEDGED HIMSELF AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SPEECH HE HAD MADE IN THE SENATE, TO STRIVE FOR PEACE, COOPERATION, PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND AFRICA. AFRICA NEEDED THIS AND SOUTH AFRICA WAS PREPARED TO MAKE HER CONTRIBUTION.

15. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE KNEW THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO SAID SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD MAKE WAR AND NOT PEACE. IF WAR WERE TO COME, THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE NOTICEABLE BY THEIR ABSENCE. AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO PROMOTE PEACE AND PROSPERITY AND HE WAS MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAN HOPEFUL THAT THIS WOULD BE ACHIEVED. 'IF WE CANNOT ACHIEVE THIS, AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD COME UNDER CROSSFIRE, I WANT TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA THAT I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT.'

16. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE REACTION WHICH HAD COME FROM ZAMBIA ON HIS SENATE SPEECH. IN THE NATURE OF THINGS HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING WHICH HAD BEEN SAID, 'BUT WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT IS THAT I APPEALED FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS AND THIS APPEAL DID NOT FALL ON DEAF EARS.' HE SAID IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA HAD REACTED SO SOON. HE HAD SPOKEN IN THE SENATE ON A WEDNESDAY AND THE FIRST REACTION FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD COME ON THE SATURDAY. MR. VORSTER SAID HE REGARDED THIS AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND UNTIL THE CONTRARY WAS PROVED HE ACCEPTED IT AS SUCH.

17. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT A NEW DISPENSATION WAS ON THE WAY IN AFRICA AND THAT THIS COULD ONLY BE TO THE BENEFIT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE REST OF THE CONTINENT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN SHARING POWER AND FOR THAT REASON HE REJECTED THE POLICY OF THE UNITED PARTY OUTRIGHT.

18. MR. VORSTER SAID HE ENVISAGED A VARIETY OF INDEPENDENT STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES. THE WORLD WAS BUSY FORMING ITSELF INTO ECONOMIC BLOCS, AND THIS WOULD ALSO EVENTUALLY HAPPEN IN AFRICA. 'AFRICA WILL ACCEPT THE REALITIES OF THE AGE AND SOUTH AFRICA WILL ACCEPT THEM TOGETHER WITH AFRICA. FOR THAT REASON I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND AFRICA.' THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

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